

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

RAJPATH USA LLC, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

**UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP
AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES,**

Defendant.

Case No. 21-cv-04800-CCC-ESK

**ORDER GRANTING ADMISSION
OF COUNSEL *PRO HAC VICE***

KIEL, U.S.M.J.

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on the application of Rithvick Bhagwati, Esq. (Movant), counsel for plaintiffs, for the *pro hac vice* admission of Michael E. Piston, Esq. pursuant to Local Civil Rule 101.1 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (ECF Nos. 11, 12); and the Court having considered the submissions in support of the application, which reflect that Michael E. Piston, Esq. satisfies the requirements set forth in Local Civil Rule 101.1(c); and the Court being advised that “Defendant through its counsel ... has no objection [to the *pro hac vice* admission]” (ECF No. 12 p.3); and for good cause shown,

IT IS on this **26th** day of March 2021 **ORDERED** that:

1. The application for *pro hac vice* admission of Michael E. Piston, Esq. (ECF Nos. 11, 12) is granted.
2. Michael E. Piston, Esq. (Counsel *Pro Hac Vice*) is permitted to appear *pro hac vice* in the above-captioned matter pursuant to Local Civil Rule 101.1(c).
3. Counsel *Pro Hac Vice* shall comply with Local Civil Rule 101.1(c) and abide by all Rules of this Court, including all disciplinary rules, and shall notify the Court immediately of any matter affecting said attorney’s standing at the bar of any court in any jurisdiction.

4. Counsel *Pro Hac Vice* is deemed to consent to the appointment of the Clerk of the Court as the agent upon whom service of process may be made for all actions that may arise from said attorney's participation in this matter.

5. The Movant shall: **(a)** be counsel of record in this case in accordance with Local Civil Rule 101.1(c); **(b)** be served all papers in this action and such service shall be deemed sufficient service upon Counsel *Pro Hac Vice*; and **(c)** sign (or arrange for an attorney admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey to sign) all pleadings, briefs, and other papers submitted to this Court.

6. The Movant shall appear at all proceedings unless expressly excused by the Court. The Movant shall be responsible for the conduct of the case and of Counsel *Pro Hac Vice* in this matter.

7. Counsel *Pro Hac Vice* shall make all required payments to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection in accordance with Local Civil Rule 101.1(c)(2) and New Jersey Court Rule 1:28-2(a), and shall continue to make payment, or cause payment to be made, for each calendar year in which said attorney continues to represent any party named herein before this Court.

8. If not already having done so in connection with this action, Counsel *Pro Hac Vice* shall pay \$150.00 to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey for admission *pro hac vice* in accordance with Local Civil Rule 101.1(c)(3) **within fourteen days of the entry of this Order.** Counsel *Pro Hac Vice* may participate in this litigation once payment has been made.

9. Counsel *Pro Hac Vice* is deemed to have agreed to take no fee in any tort case in excess of New Jersey Court Rule 1:21-7 governing contingent fees.

/s/ Edward S. Kiel
EDWARD S. KIEL
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE